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1. Mr. Rogers, Deputy Attorney General, informed me that Mr. Charles Grimes, new Counsel to the Internal Security Subcommittee, was associated with Rogers on Governor Dewey's staff in 1938-41 when the Governor was District Attorney of New York County. Previous to that, Grimes had been on Mr. Dewey's staff when the latter was special racket prosecutor in New York. He has since practiced law in New York City. Mr. Rogers stated that Grimes is a good lawyer and that Rogers had recommended him to the Committee. Grimes is a graduate of Yale and the Yale Law School.

2. Mr. Rogers told me that Senator McCarthy had not mentioned anything about investigating CIA to Rogers in their recent meetings in Florida and elsewhere.

3. Mr. Kenneth Hansen, of FOA, called to inform me that the National Association of Insurance Commissioners were having a meeting in New York next week and that these state officials had appointed a subcommittee to study the question of reinsurance. There is currently some feeling on the part of American insurance companies that Lloyds of London is trying to squeeze the American companies out of the reinsurance field and therefore some of the major companies plan to file briefs with the subcommittee opposing reinsurance of Satellite vessels and trade with Communist China by anybody. Mr. Hansen foresees a possible blast from certain companies which have been reinsuring with CIA approval and feels that the matter also may realert Senator McCarthy's Committee. I have informed AD/OO of the above. Subsequently, Mr. [redacted] 25X1 of DD/P, called me to express some concern in this matter. 25X1

4. Mr. Walsh, of the House Baltic Committee (Code 151, Ext. 4197), called to state that Mr. Dulles was giving a speech on 29 January and that Congressman Kersten was also making a speech at about that time, I believe to the same organization. Mr. Walsh stated that NBC had made plans to tape record both speeches and put them on their network with Kersten following the DCI. Cong. Kersten is talking on the Baltic Committee (which he plans to have extended to include other Satellite countries), and is rather hopeful that Mr.

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Dulles might make some complimentary remarks in his speech about the value of the Committee. Mr. Kersten would welcome an opportunity to discuss this matter with Mr. Dulles so as to dovetail the comments.

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6. Mr. [redacted] of the General Counsel's office, informed me that [redacted] 25X1 Logistics has prepared a second negotiated contract with [redacted] 25X1 for protective coating. In view of the trouble caused by the first contract through [redacted] competitor who complained to Senator Bricker, Mr. [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] is bringing the contract to the personal attention of Mr. Garrison, 25X1 Director of Logistics, to make certain that it will stand up against further attacks.

7. Col. Grogan informed me that a television program last night entitled "This is Your Life" featured Cong. Douglas R. Stringfellow (R., Utah) who engaged in OSS behind-the-line operations in Germany. The program apparently described Cong. Stringfellow's operation in securing the German nuclear physicist Otto Hahn. The Journal American (and perhaps other papers) are now calling Col. Grogan to ask if the operation has been declassified and whether it would be available for the newspapers. Col. Grogan informed the press that the files had not been declassified and that if the program had the material it was on the Congressman's responsibility. The Congressman has apparently denied giving this story, but is somewhat concerned about the responsibility.

8. A CBS newscast states that Senator McCarran has again urged action in the case of [redacted] Senator Jenner allegedly replied that if the [redacted] 25X1 State Department doesn't throw him out it may be necessary to hold public hearings. At the present time it might be best not to approach Sen. Jenner until we have met the new Committee Counsel, Mr. Grimes, at which time we may wish to brief him into the situation and caution him on the handling of these files. Mr. Grimes will not report for duty until 25 January.

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